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Subject I support a whale sanctuary

I support a humpback whale sanctuary around Kauai. As a Kauai resident, my favorite time of year is when the whales are here. I can enjoy seeing them breaching from the beaches all winter. What a joy.

I support the sanctuary because it will serve as a means for boosting the local economy. Tourists choose locations to travel based on wildlife viewing opportunities. For example, I have spent thousands of dollars visiting Alaska for the sole purpose of viewing wildlife. Whale viewing boats are also able to charge more money, and boost the local economy. It is every tourist's thrill to see a whale, sea turtle, or monk seal. I also support expanding protection for these marine species. Please allow Kauai to become the premiere destination for tourists wishing to view wildlife in Hawaii.

Kauai's isolated location also makes it an ideal setting for increased protection of marine species. I 100% support any and all efforts to increase the protection status of Kauai's whales, turtles, and monk seals.

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